

CHAPTER IV
POPULATION AND ECONOMY

INTRODUCTION

The Population and Economy Study is essential to long range planning. The purpose of this study is to analyze such factors as population trends, changing social and economic characteristics, and growth indicators. Unless some projections are made concerning the population growth and the condition of the economy it will be impossible to estimate and guide the future development of Jackson County.

Population projections can be useful in determining the location of future land uses. Economic information can be used to establish priorities for raising the economic well-being of the citizens of the county.

The first section of this report is a detailed study and analysis of population statistics, characteristics, trends, and projections. It should be pointed out that population projections are not predictions. Past and present population statistics, along with anticipated development, are used as guides in estimating future population. The data contained in this section is taken from reports of the United States Census of Population.

The second section of this report covers the economy of Jackson County and factors that affect the economy. Principle factors to be discussed include industry, commerce and agriculture. Other data examines the work force of the county. Material taken for this section of the report is from reports of the United States Census of Population, U. S. Census of Agriculture, U. S. Census of Business, and U. S. Census of Manufacturing.